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Cedarville Engineers Earn National Acclaim



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**— Chuck Allport
Faculty Advisor**

Cedarville College engineering students' efforts to enhance the performance of an ethanol-burning Chevrolet have captured the attention of automobile enthusiasts from around the country. The February 2000 issue of *Car and Driver* magazine featured the College's participation in a contest sponsored by General Motors, the U.S. Department of Energy, and Natural Resources Canada.

“When the engineering program began at Cedarville College, the distinctive of the program was hands-on instruction with students spending a great deal of time in labs, on projects, and in competition. This strategy has taken us farther than we ever dreamed,” shared Chuck Allport, faculty advisor to this 30-member, extracurricular student team. “Cedarville College engineers are working on cutting edge technology, and they are creating real solutions to real issues. GM has received new ideas in technology from what students have done at these competitions.”

Students from 14 colleges and universities across the United States and Canada competed against one another to modify a stock Chevrolet Silverado to best run on E85 alcohol, a mixture of 85 percent alcohol and 15 percent gasoline. The teams worked for several months designing and implementing their modification. Last spring, the teams transported their vehicles to Milford, Michigan, where they underwent a battery of tests ranging from emissions and fuel economy to cold-starting and acceleration. “The student team working on this truck followed a modification strategy that doubled the horse power of the engine and produced an unbelievably fast vehicle,” Allport shared. The Silverado accelerates from 0 to 90 miles per hour in 10 seconds. “That speed is as fast as a Corvette with twice as much weight,” claimed Allport. According to *Car and Driver*, the Cedarville entry took top honors in acceleration and was one of two schools whose teams came up with the most creative modifications.

Car and Driver cited teams from the University of Nebraska and Cedarville for a “surprising degree” of refinement. “This accomplishment effectively places the University of Nebraska and Cedarville on the same page. Through this competition and recognition, our reputation in the automotive industry projects Cedarville College to the world,” shared Allport. “For students, the entire competitive experience is win-win. Our students connect with people inside and outside the industry, developing crucial professional relationships that lead to jobs, scholarships, and internships.”

Did You Know?

- Dr. Sharon Eimers, professor of education, is undergoing cancer treatment at the Davidson Cancer CTT Clinic in Monterrey, Mexico. The treatment involves using oscillating magnetic fields and intense vitamin therapy. Her husband, Lee, who is a professor of science at Cedarville, shared, "There is enough good news that we are really excited about what the Lord is doing for us, and enough other that we continue to ask you to pray on our behalf."
- Dr. Joseph Halsey, professor of political science, has announced his retirement at the end of this academic year. Joe and his wife, Shelia, look forward to spending more time with their daughter, who is battling cancer. Dr. Halsey has served Cedarville College for 30 years.
- Donna Purple, secretary for the vice president for student services, "retired" in February. We have shared Donna's story in past issues of *Update* as she has struggled with lung cancer and undergone numerous chemotherapy treatments for five years.

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Faculty Members Earn Degrees

"Earning a Ph.D. is a family accomplishment," declared Kevin Heath, father of three and one of Cedarville's four faculty members who were recently awarded degrees. "Since coming here in 1992, I have found Cedarville a very supportive and encouraging atmosphere in which to pursue this work."

Heath recently completed his Ph.D. in English at the University of Cincinnati. "I had a number of people

tell me they were praying for me or ask about my endeavor," stated Heath. "The College even offered me flexibility in my teaching load and granted me time to study and write my dissertation. They want me to grow so that my students will ultimately grow."

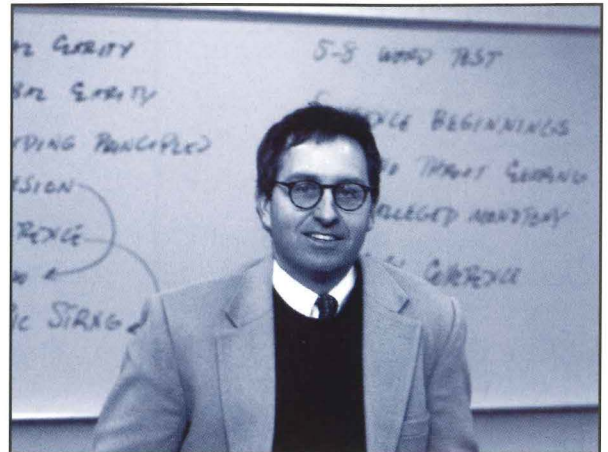
Heath's area of discipline, creative writing, meant he had to fulfill all the requirements for the Ph.D. and then produce a dissertation in creative writing. "The program is extremely difficult to get into and very taxing to complete," said Heath.

Heath's dissertation, a creative non-fiction titled *Breathing Room*, is a collection of literary essays dealing with a range of autobiographical subjects. Heath shared, "Writing for four years on the essays that would become my dissertation was a great lesson. I hope to implement the creativity and academics into the department of language and literature when I assume the position as department chair in July. I'm also involved with redesigning the creative writing minor."

"The faculty in our department is an industrious group when it comes to conference presentations and publications, but our true strength is teaching," shared Heath. "I and my colleagues are trying to produce good writers, good thinkers, good graduate students, good stewards. Pursuing a doctorate is time-consuming and demanding, but I will be a better teacher for it. I hope my students sense that."

Joining Heath in achieving doctoral degrees are David Mills, earning his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University; Jeff Fawcett, earning his doctoral degree in business administration from Cleveland State University; and Sam SanGregory, earning his Ph.D. from the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

"Cedarville College strives to do everything we can to foster academic growth among our faculty members," concluded Dr. Duane Wood, academic vice president.



Dr. Kevin Heath

To add your prayer request to the Elijah's Fire web site, go to www.cedarville.edu/studentorg/elijah and click on "prayer request."

Turn Rental Headaches into Cash

The Smiths decided to invest their extra cash in local real estate after their children were grown and out on their own. They bought several small houses and maintained them as rental property. The rental income supplemented their earnings, and they hoped the houses would appreciate in value.

Now in their late 70s, the Smiths are finding that the benefits of owning the rental property no longer justify the required time and expense. The houses are older, and the repairs are more frequent and more costly. The Smiths' houses have fully depreciated, eliminating most of the tax advantage of continued ownership. The Smiths have found it more and more difficult to locate conscientious tenants. However, they still need to supplement their retirement income with income from rental properties or from an alternate source. The Smiths can sell their rental property and invest the proceeds, but the properties have depreciated to a zero basis. Therefore, capital gains tax would reduce the sale proceeds by at least 20 percent.

The Smiths would like to support Cedarville College, earn a current year income tax deduction, create lifelong income for themselves, and avoid the capital gains tax that would be created by a sale. They can achieve all four of these goals by establishing a charitable remainder unitrust with Cedarville College. Their properties can be transferred

By funding a charitable remainder unitrust with rental property, the Smiths are able to:

- ✓ Support Cedarville College
- ✓ Earn a current year income tax deduction
- ✓ Create life-long income for themselves
- ✓ Avoid capital gains tax on resale of rental property

to the trust without realizing capital gain. The gift created by the transfer of property ownership provides a current year income tax deduction for the Smiths. The trust then sells the properties and invests the proceeds, creating an income stream for the trust beneficiaries, the Smiths. The residual trust asset transfers to the College at the death of the beneficiaries.

If you would like to learn more about the benefits of planned giving arrangements, please contact Dave Bartlett or Kim Longo at 800-766-1115.

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Education Department Announces Ager Education Award

The Cedarville College Office of Gift Planning is pleased to announce the establishment of **The Dr. and Mrs. Merlin Ager Education Award**. This scholarship, created in December 1999 by the department of education faculty, is an annual award of \$500. The scholarship will go to a full-time senior in good standing who is pursuing an academic major in education. The recipient must have a cumulative grade average of 3.3 or above and must also have an effective ongoing ministry to young people. Preference will be given to those students planning to teach overseas.

Dr. Merlin Ager graduated from Cedarville College in 1960 with a degree in history. He and his wife, Ruth, then moved back to their home state of Wisconsin, where he earned his master's in guidance and counseling from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1962. Dr. Ager taught junior high social studies and English and was a guidance counselor in the Madison public schools for two years. In 1964, the Agers came back to Cedarville so Dr. Ager could begin the College's teacher education program under the direction of Dr. Cliff Johnson. Dr. Ager received his doctorate in curriculum and instruction, educational psychology, and guidance and counseling from the Ohio State University in 1967.

Dr. Ager has served as a full-time faculty member at Cedarville College since 1964, with the exception of six months spent in the Philippines in 1973 as principal of Faith Academy in Manila, and the years 1975-1978, when he served as the elementary principal at Dayton Christian School.

Dr. Ager chose to come back and teach at Cedarville after receiving his undergraduate education here because he had so admired his own professors and the valuable input they provided in his life. Dr. Ager has witnessed incredible changes in the College since he first arrived in 1956, and he has treasured being a part of the Cedarville family through the years.

Dr. Ager said he likes Cedarville's balance of academic emphasis, Christian atmosphere, and focus on Christian ministries and the local church. During his years at the College, he has instructed more than 2,000 students who are now teaching at home and all around the world. He has also overseen the hiring of the education faculty. He has made six trips to Hungary since 1994 as team leader of Cedarville's ministry of teaching English as a second language. Working with the nationals there and enjoying Christian fellowship despite the language barrier has been a rich experience, according to Dr. Ager. Dr. Ager is currently dean of social sciences and professional studies, which includes the department of education. Mrs. Ager serves as the secretary in counseling services.

Dr. Ager, who calls himself more of a "plotter" than an "up-front man," said he is humbled by the honor of having a scholarship named for him.

For information on how you can contribute to **The Dr. and Mrs. Merlin Ager Education Award**, contact Kim Longo or David Bartlett at 800-766-1115.



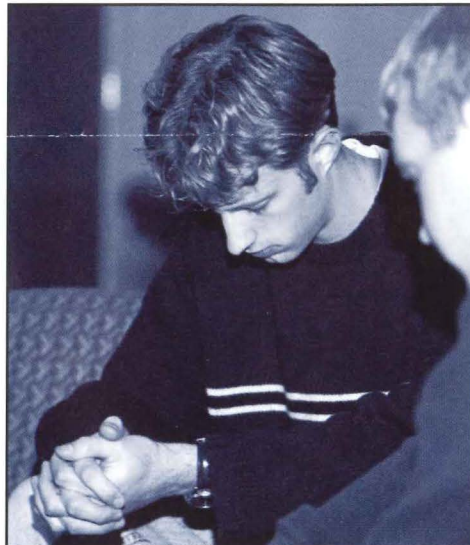
Fanning the Flames: Elijah's Fire

The 1999-2000 College theme for the College family—*Preparing Leaders for the 21st Century*—has been our emphasis to help maintain a correct focus on the new millennium and to equip our students for their future, wherever God may place them to lead,” shared Dr. Paul Dixon, president of Cedarville College. Last year’s theme, *Practicing the Power of Prayer*, served as a great building block to the many challenges Cedarville students have received this year concerning leadership. “Simply, leaders must pray,” declared Dixon.

And that is the idea behind Elijah’s Fire, a student-led men’s prayer organization on campus. The group began when presemenary Bible major Eric Wentz observed the powerful impact of Prayer Force, a weekly prayer partnership for women, and was convicted by the Holy Spirit to begin a similar group for men. Wentz’s idea has become the heart of about 120 men who meet weekly for prayer and accountability.

“Elijah’s Fire exists to glorify God in the ministry of prayer. We want to unite men in one accord and let His work be apparent in our lives and the lives of others. We want our zeal to grow as we strive to serve our Lord Jesus Christ,” shared Wentz.

Mark Boys, John Mason, Brett Scott, and Ryan Sparzak join Wentz as the leadership for the group. “Our name, Elijah’s Fire, is taken from James 5:16-18,” said Scott. “We want our prayer to be effective, powerful, and earnest.”



Sparzak shared, “We are hoping the concept of Elijah’s Fire will spread nationally. We hope the guys will take this ... wherever they go.”

The leadership team developed a web site for Elijah’s Fire on which anyone may enter a prayer request. “The power of prayer is far-reaching and we are praying for people throughout the United States,” declared Scott. “We can’t wait to see what God will do as His people pray.”



Please Pray For...

The ministry teams that will travel all around the world during Spring Break, March 10-20. Please pray for each team and the leaders as God uses our students to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to others. Pray also for safety in the travel and work these students will perform. Here is a glimpse of the teams and their itineraries.

- **Ministry team to Arizona**—Fourteen students, led by senior Dale Sorensen, will assist with Vacation Bible School at Immanuel Mission, a ministry to the Navajo people.
- **Construction team to Jamaica**—Fourteen students and staff, led by staff members Paul Cope and Amy Ott, will work at the Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf in Kingston, Jamaica. They will be doing anything the facility needs from digging ditches to roofing buildings.
- **Construction team to Georgia**—In conjunction with Cedarville’s social work program and Habitat for Humanity, 25 students led by Joe Natalino and Catherine Wayne will work on new home construction in Americus, Georgia.
- **Construction team to North Carolina**—In conjunction with Cedarville’s social work program and Habitat for Humanity, seven students led by David Barshinger will work on new home construction in Greenville, North Carolina.
- **Jubilaté**, Cedarville’s sound of joy, will perform concerts throughout North and South Carolina under the direction of Dr. Vernon Whaley.
- **The members of Concert Chorale** will travel to Switzerland for performances in various schools and churches. Dr. Lyle Anderson leads the Chorale.
- **Master’s Puppets, Abundant Life, and Swordbearers teams** will travel throughout the Midwest.

Quotable Chapel Notes



During this past Winter Enrichment Conference, Cedarville college students, faculty, staff and CDR radio listeners were challenged by the Holy Spirit through Dr. Joe Stowell, president of Moody Bible Institute. Here is a small taste of Dr. Stowell's ministry.

Christianity is not about being "Christian" and supporting "Christianity" with my life. It's about a personal relationship with the liberator of my soul. And it's about loving Him, because as John taught us, "He first loved us," in such a rich and meaningful way ... When it's no longer a person and it's merely a project, it really is easy to check out on a project, but not so easy to check out on a person.

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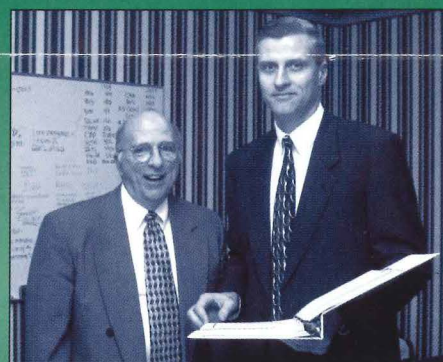
Around the Campus



The Student Life Center is approximately 90 days away from completion and occupancy. Contractors have begun finishing details in the lower level; mechanicals are finished on the upper level and finishing details will soon begin. The facility is expected to be fully operational this summer.

Reep Changes Role

Jeff Reep, a 1978 graduate of Cedarville College, will leave his five-year post as the men's head basketball coach at Cedarville at the end of the 1999-2000 season. He announced he would resign the coaching post to become assistant director of career services. "After 22 years of collegiate basketball coaching, I am looking forward to this opportunity," Reep said. Reep will direct most of his efforts toward improving relationships with companies that offer internships to Cedarville students.



Lew Gibbs, director of career services, and Jeff Reep

"We appreciate the time and commitment that Coach Reep has given to Cedarville College basketball and to teaching in our academic department," remarked Pete Reese, athletic director. "He is a fine example of a man with high moral standards who is devoted to his family." Cedarville officials are currently searching for a new head coach.

Reep and his wife, Criss, a 1982 Cedarville graduate reside in Springfield and are the parents of five boys.